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SUBJ: DUTCH REACTIONS TO US WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO

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1. WE INFORMED FON MIN VAN DER STOEL AND OTHER DUTCH GOVERNMENT AND LABOR OFFICIALS OF IMPENDING ANNOUNCEMENT OF US WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO NOV 1 (REFTEL) AND PROVIDED COPIES OF THE PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY MARSHALL'S STATEMENTS TODAY, NOV 2.

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2. IN FORMAL STATEMENT MFA EXPRESSED "SERIOUS REGRET" AT US DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO AND NOTED THAT IT WAS "PARTICULARLY REGRETTABLE THAT A MAJOR POWER HAS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO LEAVE A UN-RELATED ORGANIZATION BECAUSE THE MOVE SETS A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT."

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AT SAME TIME, THE STATEMENT, PREPARED IN CONJUNCTION WITH NETH-ERLANDS LABOR AND EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION, VOICES UNDERSTANDING FOR US REASONS FOR WITHDRAWAL, PARTICULARLY THE TREND TOWARDS POLITICIZATION, AND GOES ON TO SAY THAT, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF THE TRIPARTITE NATURE OF THE ILO, GON WILL CONTINUE ITS MEMBERSHIP. STATEMENT CONCLUDES WITH EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT US SOON WILL RETURN TO THE ORGANIZATION.

3. SEPARATELY, THE MAJOR TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS, FEDERATION OF NETHERLANDS TRADE UNIONS (FNV) AND CHRISTIAN NETHERLANDS TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (CNV), HAVE VOICED VIEW THAT US WITHDRAWAL WOULD WEAKEN DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION TO EFFORTS BY SOME COUNTRIES TO TRANSFORM ILO INTO AN ORGANIZATION ONLY OF GOVERNMENT DELEGATES .

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